

frequency and near-term digital radio systems. The Stryker is deployable by C-130 aircraft and combat capable upon arrival. The Stryker is capable of self-deployment by highway and self-recovery. It has a low noise level that reduces crew fatigue and enhances survivability. It moves about the battlefield quickly and is optimized for close, complex, or urban terrain. The Stryker program leverages nondevelopmental items with common subsystems and components to quickly acquire and field these systems. Stryker is UNCLASSIFIED.

2. The AN/VAS-5 Driver's Vision Enhancer (DVE) is a compact thermal camera providing armored vehicle drivers with day or night time visual awareness in clear or reduced vision (fog, smoke, dust) situation. The system provides the driver a 180 degree viewing angle using a high resolution infrared sensor and image stabilization to reduce the effect of shock and vibration. The viewer and monitor are ruggedized for operation in tactical environments. The system is UNCLASSIFIED but considered SENSITIVE technology.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Thailand can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale supports the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives as outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Thailand.

NOMINATION OF DANIEL HABIB JORJANI

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, today I wish to give notice of my intent to object to any unanimous consent agreement regarding Senate Executive Calendar No. 367, the nomination of Daniel Jorjani to be Solicitor at the Department of the Interior.

Recently released documents reveal that, during Mr. Jorjani's confirmation hearing before the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, he knowingly gave misleading and untruthful testimony about the Department's Freedom of Information Act—FOIA—policy.

Department officials appear to have created a policy with regard to the Freedom of Information Act allowing political appointees to delay and thwart the release of information to the public. Worse still, when I asked Mr. Jorjani about this policy, he told me it didn't exist.

Attempts by political appointees at the Department to delay, stonewall, and otherwise inhibit public and congressional oversight are completely unacceptable. This sort of rank political interference with government accountability runs contrary to the very basis of our form of government.

On February 28, 2019, the Department issued an updated version of its formal "Awareness Review" policy, which outlines the Department's review process

for FOIA document productions. However, based on documents obtained through multiple FOIA requests, it appears the Department has a supplemental process for document productions that has not previously been made public.

Mr. Jorjani appeared before the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on May 2, 2019, for his confirmation hearing to serve as the Department's Solicitor. During Mr. Jorjani's hearing and in written testimony he provided the Committee shortly thereafter, he told me this supplemental awareness review process did not exist.

Currently, the Department's inspector general is conducting a review of Interior's FOIA policies. In addition, I have asked the U.S. Department of Justice to look into whether Mr. Jorjani perjured himself before the committee.

I cannot condone the movement of Mr. Jorjani's nomination. Therefore, I will object to any unanimous consent agreement to consider Mr. Jorjani's nomination.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Madam President, I was necessarily absent for vote No. 231 on overriding the veto, shall the Joint Resolution S.J. Res. 36 pass, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding. On vote No. 231, had I been present, I would have voted yea to override the veto.

I was also necessarily absent for vote No. 232 on overriding the veto, shall the Joint Resolution S.J. Res. 37 pass, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding. On vote No. 232, had I been present, I would have voted yea to override the veto.

I was also necessarily absent for vote No. 233 on overriding the veto, shall the joint resolution S.J. Res. 38 pass, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding. On vote No. 233, had I been present, I would have voted yea to override the veto.

I was also necessarily absent for vote No. 234 on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michael T. Liburdi to be a U.S. District Judge for the District of Arizona. On vote No. 234, had I been present, I would have voted nay on the motion to invoke cloture.

I was also necessarily absent for vote No. 235 on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Peter D. Welte to be U.S. District Judge for the District of North Dakota. On vote No. 235, had I been present, I would have voted nay on the motion to invoke cloture.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MADAWASKA, MAINE

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, I rise today to commemorate the 150th

anniversary of the Town of Madawaska ME. Located in Aroostook County, our State's northernmost region, Madawaska is in the heart of the St. John River Valley, the center of our rich Acadian culture. I am honored to celebrate the generations of industrious and caring people who have made Madawaska such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise families.

Madawaska has a fascinating history. For thousands of years, the St. John River Valley has been the home of the Maliseet Tribe. French explorers, led by Samuel de Champlain, first visited the area in 1604 and established friendly relationships with the Native Americans.

In 1785, French-speaking Canadians fleeing persecution in British Canada journeyed up the St. John River in search of liberty. They marked the spot of their landing with a large wooden cross in gratitude for the safe haven they had found. Today, the rebuilt Acadian Cross is an enduring reminder of the determination and courage of those first settlers. The Tante Blanche Museum honors the heroism and compassion of Marguerite Blanche Thibodeau Cyr, who fed the hungry and cared for the sick during a famine in 1797.

The Maliseets often provided vital assistance during the first difficult years. From fertile soil, vast forests, and their own hard work, the settlers created a prosperous community that laid the foundation for the vibrant Acadian culture that is so important in Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and as far away as Louisiana.

Following the American Revolution, the region was the scene of a decades-long border dispute between our new Nation and British Canada. Although the bloodless Aroostook War did not result in armed conflict, it was a period of great tension and uncertainty, with both sides seeking control of the increasingly valuable timberlands. As the national governments of Great Britain and the United States negotiated a peaceful resolution, the province of New Brunswick laid claim to the disputed area. On July 4, 1827, a band of pro-American settlers declared the independence of the Republic of Madawaska with its own flag and the intention of joining the United States.

In response, the Maine Legislature established the Territory of Madawaska in 1831, creating what was called the world's biggest town, with an area of more than 4,000 square miles. The border dispute was settled by treaty in 1842. Peace was maintained between the United States and Canada. Settlement to the region increase greatly, and in 1869, the town of Madawaska was incorporated.

Today, more than 80 percent of the town's residents speak French, and they continue to uphold the Acadian traditions of great food, music, and dance, and of close-knit families and lasting friendships. The annual Acadian Festival in August is a highlight of the year and a fulfilled celebration of this great heritage.

To my Franco-American friends, it is a pleasure to congratulate you on this landmark anniversary. Across the generations, you have worked hard and worked together to create a community that combines your rich heritage with the values that define our State and our Nation.

Mr. President, the celebration of Madawaska's 150th anniversary is not merely about the passing of time, it is about human accomplishment. We celebrate the people who pulled together, cared for one another, and built a great community.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LARRY ROBERTSON

• Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize my friend Larry Robertson, a dedicated servant to the great people of West Virginia. After 20 years, Larry will be retiring from his post as executive director of HospiceCare, in my hometown of Charleston, WV. As a lifelong residence of the State capital city, Larry dedicated his career to caring for those in his area. He hasn't moved around much, with his office only a mile or two down the road from the fill station his father worked at when he was just a boy.

After graduating from George Washington High School, Larry stuck around the Kanawha River Valley and enrolled in Morris Harvey College, which is now known as the University of Charleston. With his bachelor's degree complete and after earning a master's in accounting from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies in 1976, he set his sights on ways to give back to the community that had already given him so much. This commitment led Larry to take a job as a controller for the Blue Cross Medical Plan in Charleston.

From this point on, Larry would spend the entirety of his professional life committed to providing financial support and administrative services to not-for-profit organizations in the healthcare field. In the past 20 years, HospiceCare has flourished under Larry's leadership, providing over 300 jobs and services to 16 counties in West Virginia. Larry and HospiceCare also provide the community with an avenue to give back to those in need, garnering hundreds of volunteers throughout the years. There is an old saying that says there is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer, but I believe Larry's "Hospice Heart" is even stronger.

Larry has also been instrumental in the foundation and the success of West Virginia's first inpatient hospice center, the Hubbard Hospice House. This project started out with only enough space and staff to accommodate 12 residents, but has grown exponentially under the vision of Larry and his dedicated team. By the end of this year, the Hubbard Hospice House operation

will be able to house 56 beds in several locations across central West Virginia. I became familiar with hospice during the last stage of my parents' lives. The support and dedication they give to their patients is a wonderful lifeline for families and caregivers. I am incredibly indebted to Larry and his staff for their professional services. Hundreds of families in Kanawha County and the surrounding area feel the same and share the same appreciation for the care hospice gave their family members. Thank you, Larry, for your dedication to building such a quality healthcare provider for end of life care that is so highly regarded throughout the State and region.

Larry will now have more time to spend with his grandchildren, watch the West Virginia Mountaineers, and work on his golf game, but the lasting effects for what he did for our State will continue on for generations to come. I wish Larry all the best in his retirement, as he continues to make a difference in his community with his one-of-a-kind attitude and generous heart. It is truly an honor to call you friend and fellow West Virginian.●

RECOGNIZING CAREY, IDAHO

• Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, along with my colleagues Senator JAMES RISCH and Representative MIKE SIMPSON, I congratulate the city of Carey, ID, on its centennial anniversary.

In 1884, just a few years after the first settlers arrived in the area, a school was built next to James Carey's Post Office. Homes, roads, and churches soon joined the landscape, demonstrating early on the characteristics that are readily associated with Carey today: selflessness, hard work, and determination to make their slice of Idaho neighborly and productive. By the time the residents of Carey got around to incorporating the town in 1919, a sense of community was already deeply rooted.

On July 20, 2019, the city of Carey celebrated its 100-year anniversary of its establishment with special events, including a parade, music, rodeo, and other activities. This picturesque community in Blaine County, ID, is in a beautiful area rich in history and extraordinary people. The area has a deep legacy of sheep herding and cattle ranching and has been home to remarkable Idahoans, including pioneers, ranchers, producers, conservationists, writers, and leaders. Among them was the late, former Idaho secretary of state Pete Cenarrusa, a beloved public servant and veteran, who ran a successful sheep operation with his wife of 66 years, Freda.

Pete is Carey's most famous son. In Idaho, Pete's legendary achievements are well known. He was a member of the 1940 University of Idaho NCAA national champion boxing team, served as a World War II fighter pilot, and he holds the record for Idaho's longest serving elected official at 52 years. One

validating experience exemplifying Pete's political will and influence occurred in 1948 when he convinced President Harry Truman to visit his hometown of Carey and dedicate the Carey Airport, which, according to some accounts, was built in a single day—a story that is reflective of a proud and dedicated public servant and committed townspeople. Pete Cenarrusa and Carey, ID, are synonymous among most in Idaho, each possessing their own distinct legacy, despite being deeply entwined, that has contributed mightily to our State's history and success.

The residents of Carey have much to celebrate. In addition to building a welcoming community settled in an amazing part of our great State, recreational opportunities abound, including skiing, fishing, hiking, biking, and hunting. Past and present-day Carey residents have developed Carey into a community built on a foundation of resourcefulness and good will with an eye toward how to further grow and make progress for the betterment of its residents.

Congratulations to the residents of Carey on 100 years of accomplishments, principal among them building a lovely town where people can live full lives. If this is a suitable, primary measure of a successful community, you have more than succeeded. We wish you well for centuries to come.●

RECOGNIZING THE GREENBRIER MIDDLE SCHOOL STEM COMPETITION TEAM

• Mr. PERDUE. Madam President, today I wish to recognize the members of the Greenbrier Middle School STEM Competition Team from Evans, GA: Jordan Epstein, Emily Forshee, Kendall Schneller, Carissa Veriato, and Sam Weinstein, as well as their teacher, Mr. David Phillips.

Last October, the team competed in the STEAM competition at Augusta University. The team designed, built, and launched a rocket that was powered by water pressure and carrying a chicken egg. The rocket successfully landed in the landing zone that was only 30 feet in diameter.

The team won grand prize in that competition for middle school engineering, and received an invitation to the International Young STEM Maker Competition at Lingnan University in Hong Kong. They were the only American team to have received an invite.

The team worked to design a house that was powered by water as well as a new concept for electric vehicles. Out of 111 teams from around the globe, Greenbrier was awarded second place for their work. On top of that, the team's faculty leader, Mr. David Phillips, was awarded second place in the Best STEM Teacher competition.

These bright young people and the teachers who guide them have made the State of Georgia and all of America very proud. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Phillips and all members of